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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. Additionally, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the personal interview conducted on January 24, 2006. The Office Action dated October 18, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. The amendments and remarks in this paper are in accordance with the comments discussed during the interview on January 24, 2006.

By this Amendment, Applicants add new claims 54-71 and cancel claims 1, 3-6, 8-19, 22-41, 43-49 and 51-53 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 54-71 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, 8-19, 22-41, 43-49 and 51-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okibayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,599) in view of Yokoyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,379). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

New claim 54 is allowable over the cited reference in that claim 54 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...an inorganic insulating layer made of one of silicon oxide and silicon nitride on a first side of the first substrate; a light emitting structure including an organic light emitting layer on the inorganic insulating layer..." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 54 and claims 55-62, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

New claim 63 is allowable over the cited reference in that claim 63 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...after depositing the first insulating layer, sequentially depositing a first electrode on the first insulating layer, an organic film layer on the first electrode and a second electrode on the organic film layer to form a light emitting structure..."

None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 63 and claims 64 and 71, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

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